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Agriculture

Application of article 1 of the Public Service Notification to agricultural officers.

* 534 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any agricultural officers holding the L.Ag. qualification have been debarred from promotion to the gazetted rank on the ground that they are unpassed men according to Article 1 of the Public Service Notification; and

(*b*) if so, how many such cases there are?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Fourteen, in the cadre of upper subordinates.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I ask whether the hon. Minister will be pleased to consider the cases of officers who have been debarred from promotion?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"I shall consider the suggestion of my hon. Friend."

Proposed closure of the Chintaladevi Cattle Farm.

* 535 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur YAHYA ALI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Chintaladevi Cattle Farm is going to be closed as a measure of retrenchment, and if so, from what date;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the available cattle in the farm are sold in public auction; and if so, whether such auction has been duly advertised;

(*c*) what the Government propose to do with the buildings and the land belonging to the farm; and

(*d*) whether the Government have considered the desirability of allowing the said farm to be run by a private agency, if forthcoming?

A.—(*a*) The Government have not yet decided on the question.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) Do not arise at this stage.

Local Self-Government

Proposal to build a bridge across the Tungabhadra river.

* 536 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government of His Exalted Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad have consulted the Government of Madras regarding a proposal to build a bridge across the Tungabhadra river, on Adoni and Raichur road and if so, what the terms of the proposal are and whether the Madras Government propose to share the cost of the bridge with His Exalted Highness' Government.

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A.—Yes. The Government of His Exalted Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad have suggested that the total cost of the bridge, viz., Rs. 6·6 lakhs, may be shared equally by them and this Government. The proposal is under the consideration of this Government.

Heavy licence fees on buses plying for hire.

* 537 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been made to the Government regarding the heavy rate of licence fees charged by any of the district boards on buses plying for hire and, if so, from which districts such complaints have been received; and

(*b*) whether any action has been taken by the Government to prevent local bodies from charging excessive licence fees?

A.—(*a*) Yes, in respect of the rates of licence fees levied by the following district boards—
(1) Ganjam, (2) Vizagapatam, (3) West Godavari, (4) Kistna, (5) Guntur, (6) Malabar, (7) East Godavari, (8) Kurnool and (9) South Kanara.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Inclusion of a portion of the Saidapet Municipality into the limits of the Corporation of Madras.

* 538 *Q.*— Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Chairman of the Saidapet Municipality has addressed the Government that the residents of the portion of Mambalam now in the Saidapet Municipality desire to be included in the Madras municipal limits; if so, whether any reason has been adduced for it; and

(*b*) what steps the Government propose to take?

A.—(*a*) The Saidapet Municipal Council some time ago submitted proposals for the exclusion of the area in question from the limits of the municipality.

(*b*) The proposals are being examined by the Collector of Chingleput and will be considered by Government on receipt of his remarks.

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the Collector of Chingleput has since submitted his report?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"Not yet."